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I claim:

1. A combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold system comprising:

a shield and temporary work surface panel sized and shaped to substantially overlay the entirety of a bathtub to be protected; and

an adjustable positioning unit which includes a bracket member for attachment to set shield and temporary work surface panel and for supporting and oriented and an adjustable foot member, said adjustable foot member including a threaded rod which is threadingly engaged with said bracket member near one end of said threaded rod and having a foot pad member attached to the other end of said threaded rod.

2. A method for protecting the bathtub against damage during construction or remodeling and for providing a temporary scaffold comprising the steps of:

selecting a combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold system comprising:

a shield and temporary work surface panel sized and shaped to substantially overlay the entirety of a bathtub to be protected; and an adjustable positioning unit which includes a bracket member for attachment to set shield and temporary work surface panel and for supporting and oriented and an adjustable foot member, said adjustable foot member including a threaded rod which is threadingly engaged with said bracket member near one end of said threaded rod and having a foot pad member attached to the other end of said threaded rod;

attaching said adjustable positioning unit to said shield and temporary work surface panel at a position whereby, when said shield and temporary work surface panel is placed atop said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit extending into the interior of said bathtub, said adjustable positioning unit, when adjusted, will apply force

1 against an interior surface of a first side of said  
2 bathtub to lodge said shield and temporary work  
3 surface panel against a vertical surface which  
4 juxtaposes the upper margin of a second, opposite  
5 side of said bathtub for securely maintaining said  
6 system in position relative to said bathtub;  
7 adjusting said adjustable positioning unit; and  
8 placing said shield and temporary work surface panel atop  
9 said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit  
10 extending into said interior of said bathtub and  
11 with said foot member contacting said interior  
12 surface of said first side of said bathtub.

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